

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

LEES-MCRAE COLLEGE CELEBRATES ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. J. DENNIS HASTERT

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 26, 2000

Mr. HASTERT. Mr. Speaker, today, September 26, 2000 marks the one-hundredth anniversary of Lees-McRae College in Banner Elk, North Carolina. This is a significant day, not just for the college, but for the entire region and, indeed, for the country. Located in the Blue Ridge Mountains, Lees-McRae has its roots in the desire of the Reverend Edgar Tufts, its founder, to bring literacy to the area. The history of Lees-McRae is a century of service to the educational and spiritual needs of the region. The college's commitment to being an integral part of the larger community is summed up in its motto, "In the mountains, of the mountain, for the mountains."

Because of its hundred-year commitment to values-centered education, and a century of success in preparing young people for lives of leadership and service, Lees-McRae College has made a significant contribution to the Nation. Its graduates are in all walks of life, putting into practice the values and lessons they learned at Lees-McRae.

Lees-McRae College is an institution of which the entire United States can be proud. We honor its centennial as it celebrates the vision and accomplishments of its founder, the Reverend Edgar Tufts. With pride and gratitude we wish the college a second century of success.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO MARY JEAN LETENDRE

HON. WILLIAM F. GOODLING

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GOODLING. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Mary Jean LeTendre, Director of Compensatory Programs at the U.S. Department of Education. I recently learned that Mary Jean plans to retire in January 2001. Her departure will be a great loss for the Department of Education and for those programs that have benefited from her guidance during her years of service.

For the past 15 years, Mary Jean has been the director of the \$8.5 billion Title I program. Managing this program is an enormous task for anyone, but Mary Jean has worked against overwhelming odds to ensure the program actually does help close the achievement gap that currently exists in our nation's schools. She has been particularly instrumental in ensuring that early childhood services are provided to disadvantaged at-risk youngsters in an effort to make sure they are "reading ready" when they reach first grade. When this happens, many of these children excel, enjoy learning, and do not fall behind.

Mary Jean's most important concern was first and always helping disadvantaged children get a piece of the American dream. She has also been a true advocate for some of our country's most at-risk children, including homeless children and those in facilities for neglected and delinquent children and youth.

But, Mr. Speaker, Mary Jean's greatest accomplishments have been in the area of family literacy. In 1988, Congress enacted the Even Start Family Literacy Program, based on legislation I introduced in the House of Representatives.

My greatest concern was that Even Start would not work if it was not properly administered and someone was not there ensuring that program requirements were met at the local level. But I should not have worried. Mary Jean was there every step of the way to make sure that each and every program included all of the core components: adult education, age appropriate education for participating children, parent and child together time, and assistance to help parents become their child's first and most important teacher.

As a result, Even Start has helped thousands of families to end cycles of illiteracy and become productive members of society. With Mary Jean's hard work and guidance, my dream of a literate society may yet become a reality. Her legacy will be the numerous children and families who have benefited from her efforts to ensure that participants receive a high quality education.

Mr. Speaker, I have never met a more dedicated and knowledgeable career government official than Mary Jean LeTendre. Our nation's children have benefited greatly under her care. She will truly be missed.

TRIBUTE TO SENATOR DANIEL PATRICK MOYNIHAN

SPEECH OF

HON. F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER, JR.

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 19, 2000

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a faithful and dedicated public servant, the distinguished senior Senator from New York, Senator DANIEL PATRICK MOYNIHAN. Senator MOYNIHAN has served the people of New York in the United States Senate for nearly a quarter century. However, his long list of achievements in public service began over 50 years ago.

In those 50 plus years, Senator MOYNIHAN has been both soldier and ambassador, author and teacher, and legislator and diplomat. Very few Americans serve their country and their fellow citizens with the range of knowledge and experience Senator MOYNIHAN has demonstrated. We in Congress are privileged to call him our colleague.

Among Senator MOYNIHAN's most important roles has been that of advocate for peace in Northern Ireland. Drawing on his extensive for-

eign policy experience as both ambassador to India and United States Representative to the United Nations, Senator MOYNIHAN called for a peaceful resolution of tensions in Northern Ireland and helped guide the negotiations that have today resulted in decreased bloodshed, decreased violence, and greater understanding there.

Senator MOYNIHAN has also earned the distinction of being the only American in history to serve in the Executive Branch in four successive administrations, both Republican and Democrat. He has dedicated his service not to partisanship, but to people; not to party, but to peace. The people of New York recognize him for fighting tirelessly for their rights, including better education and better healthcare. His colleagues recognize him for fighting for his principles.

I join my colleagues in thanking Senator MOYNIHAN for his valuable service. We will not soon forget the example he set.

TRIBUTE TO SENATOR DANIEL PATRICK MOYNIHAN

HON. MICHAEL R. McNULTY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 26, 2000

Mr. McNULTY. Mr. Speaker, I regret that I was unable to join with my colleagues from New York last Tuesday in honoring one of the greatest Senators this nation has known, PAT MOYNIHAN. I welcome the opportunity to add my voice to the chorus singing in praise of the Senator and his equally amazing wife, Liz.

PAT, you have enlightened millions as an author, educated thousands as a professor, impressed hundreds of diplomats as a statesman, awed your colleagues as a legislator, counseled four Presidents as a scholar, raised three children as a father, and enjoyed 44 years as husband to Liz. What an extraordinary life.

Thank you for your tireless work to protect the environment, to improve our infrastructure, to make welfare work for the people, to save Social Security for future generations, and to promote peace and democracy throughout the world. You did all of this while managing to evade the crippling grasp of partisanship by using the strength and power of ideas.

Thank you on behalf of the residents of the Capital Region, the people of the State of New York, the citizens of America, and the community of nations.

Enjoy your retirement. It is well deserved. And as all good friends say at particularly grueling moments of departure, "Promise you'll keep in touch." PAT, it's not just that the nation wants to hear from you—it needs to hear from you.

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